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SUBJECT: CCMS: COASTAL WATER POLLUTION-FINAL RESOLUTIONS&
RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: USNATO 4780

1. MISSION HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM GOB CCMS COORDINATOR RESNON UNOFFICIAL ADVANCE COPY OF CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (OTHER THAN AN OIL SPILLS) WHICH BELGIUM AS PILOT COUNTRY WILL SUBMIT TO CCMS FALL PLENARY IN OCTOBER 1975(PARA 1B, REFTEL) . ACCORDING ACCOMPANYING BELGIAN COVER NOTE, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DEVELOPED AT ELEVEN-NATION MEETING CONVENED IN OSTEND ON JUNE 9-13, 1975, TO EXAMINE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS PILOT STUDY. ALSO INCLUDED ARE THE REPORTS OF THE THREE OSTEND MEETING WORKING GROUPS (MODELLING AND PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY, BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY, AND CHEMICAL OCENAOGRAPHY), WHICH PROVIDED BASIS FOR THE RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS DRAWN UP AT END OF MEETING. NOTE ADDS THAT COMPLETE OSTEND MEETING REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE END OF 1975. (MISSION COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT FULL REPORT, STILL IN PREPARATION, WILL BE FAIRLY WEIGHTY UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT INCLUDING EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL MATERIAL PRESENTED AT OSTEND MEETING BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES; IT COULD ALSO INCORPORATE TEXT OF FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROVED BY CCMS. END COMMENT).

2. WE HAVE SENT DUPLICATES OF ABOVE ADVANCE COPY TO DEPT.
(EUR/RPM-CAMPBELL) AND EPA(HARRIS) FOR INFO. WE WILL FOLLOW-
UP WITH COPIES OF OFFICIAL VERSION AS SET FORTH IN AC/274
ACTION DOCUMENT FOR PLENARY, ONCE THIS HAS BEEN FORMALLY
RECEIVED AND PUBLISHED BY NATO SECRETARIAT, HOPEFULLY IN VERY
NEAR FUTURE.
TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWS BELOW.
BEGIN TEXT.

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE

NOTING THAT THE IMPACT OF MODERN SOCIETY RESULTS IN CONSIDERABLE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT
AND IN PARTICULAR CONTAMINATION OF THE SEA FOOD CHAIN;

NOTING FURTHER THAT THE EFFECTS OF COASTAL POLLUTION SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED WHEN DEALING WITH OCEAN WATERS;

RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO DEVELOP SCIENTIFIC PRE-
DICTIVE TOOLS FOR USE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN EXCHANGE THE QUALITY OF COASTAL WATERS;

CONSIDERING THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT IN THE
ATTACHED REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUPS;

RESOLVE:

(1) TO WORK TOGETHER, WITH OTHER NATIONS, AND WITHIN APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, TO COMBAT POLLUTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

OCEAN AND ITS ADJACENT SEAS;

(2) TO WORK TOGETHER, WITH OTHER NATIONS, AND WITHIN APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, TO IMPROVE MAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF
THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO DEVELOP MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL
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MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WHICH MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT;

(3) THAT, DESPITE THE LACK OF COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC
PROCESS, MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES SHOULD FULLY EXPLOIT EXISTING
KNOWLEDGE AND MODELS, SO THAT THE QUALITY OF THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT CAN BE MAINTAINED AND ENHANCED.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

(1) THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY,
ENCOURAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL

STUDIES IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE FOR CARRYING OUT MARINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES;

(2) THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE, RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF MATHEMATICAL MODELLING AS A PREDICTIVE TOOL FOR CONTINENTAL SEAS MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL, ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY MATHEMATICAL MODELS WITH A VIEW OF IMPROVING THEIR PREDICTIVE CAPABILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARINE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL;

(3) NOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF MANY MATHEMATICAL MODELS, WAYS AND MEANS BE CONSIDERED OF APPLYING THESE MODELS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES;

(4) DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT INTERDISCIPLINARY MARINE ENVIRONMENT GROUPS WORKING IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES;

(5) THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE WORK TOGETHER, AND WITH OTHER INTERESTED NATIONS IN DEVELOPING SYSTEMS FOR THE EFFECTIVE ACQUISITIONS OF DATA ON, AND MONITORING OF, THE COASTAL SEAS MARINE ENVIRONMENT EMPHASISING BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND ACHIEVING DATA COMPARABILITY THROUGH INTERCALIBRATION OF MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS;

(6) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK CARRIED OUT IN INTERNATIONAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS, THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE IDENTIFY AT AN EARLY STAGE THE MOST SERIOUS MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND ENDEAVOUR TO DESIGN AND INTRODUCE WITHIN 5 YEARS PROGRAMMES FOR CO-OPERATIVE ACTION TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER NATIONS AND WITHIN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS;

(7) THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE CONSULT EACH OTHER INFOSTERING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OR AGREEMENTS;

(8) THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WHEN ELABORATING ITS PROGRAMMES, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS MENTIONED IN THE REPORTS OF THE

EXPERT GROUPS (FROM WHICH THE THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FORMULATED).

RESOLUTION

THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE RESOLVE TO ENSURE FOLLOW UP OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS WILL BE FACILITATED BY SETTING UP AN "AD HOC" GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM INTERESTED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL;

(A) COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS;

(B) EVALUATE RELEVANT INFORMATION EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE MEMBERS AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE TO REALISE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE,
WHICH IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WHICH WILL
MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

END TEXT.

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